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There are two freedoms—the false, where a man is free to do what he likes; the true, where a man is free to do what he ought.—Charles Kingsley.

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Editorials

Responsibility of Directors

Directors of corporations who by long-continued failure have come to look upon their jobs as sinecures created principally to enable them to pocket handsome fees for attending board meetings will do well to follow the course of proceedings in the case of the bankrupt Inland Securities Corporation.

Garfield Charles, receiver in bankruptcy, after a hearing on the petition of the receivers of that sadly defunct concern, whose stockholders were left apparently holding the bag after the great debacle, has authorized them to sue to recover from the directors \$37,000,000 alleged to have been lost because of their failure to exercise proper care and judgment in supervising the work of their executive officers.

The contention, if sustained by the courts, will put a period to the laissez faire attitude of directors who have been content to draw their pay for rubber-stamping the actions of their company officials, often no more than ex post facto approval of undertakings already a fait accompli when brought to the attention of the boards.

Can't Please Them All

The Washington Daily News because of its aid and discovery that the American labor movement "has failed during the last few weeks to take advantage of its unique opportunities under the Recovery law to organize unions."

On the other hand, the editorial sleuth of the New York Times sheds copious tears because organized labor has taken such emphatic advantage of its organizing possibilities as to embarrass General Hugh S. Johnson, Recovery Administrator. After referring to President Roosevelt's achievement in setting the Recovery law on a broad and equitable basis, the Times to adjust disputes arising under the codes, the Times laments:

"But there remains the trouble which has been caused General Johnson by the eagerness of certain labor leaders to take advantage of the 'blanket code' and not order in order to make it a share of the benefits, which may or may not be unfair, but which were certainly not within the intention of the Recovery Act."

Confronted with the positive declaration of the Washington Daily News that organized labor has failed to take advantage of the opportunities for organization given in the National Recovery Act, the American Federation of Labor is quite convinced of its inability to win universal approval.

But one thing is certain, wherever employers continue their unpatriotic hostility to legitimate trade unions, wherever they impose the notorious company union on their employees, wherever they attempt to violate labor provisions of either the President's blanket agreement or the fair competition act of the National Industrial Recovery Act. With these two constructive weapons they will carry on an incessant crusade until every worker in the United States has received the emancipatory message of militant trade unionism and been enabled to join a bona fide union without interference from employers.

Of course this policy will cause both the Washington Daily News and the New York Times to weep from emotions as to how they can please the press.

Federal Employment Board Names 50 Advisers; 10 Representatives of A. F. of L. and Affiliates

Washington.—Fifty men and women employment service, was named secretary.

In addition to Mr. Green, the labor circles were drafted by the Federal Employment Service to serve on advisory committees, which will formulate policies and help solve the problems relating to employment.

The council was named under the Wagner-Peyser law creating the Federal employment service, which directs its duties as follows: "to advise and discuss problems relating to employment and unemployment, neutrality, and freedom from political influence in the labor movement."

The group is headed by Robert M. Hurd, president of the University of Chicago.

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, Henry B. Wagner, president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, and Francis J. Gorman, United Textile Workers of America, were named vice presidents. Frederick H. Brown, president of the American Civil Liberties Union, was named secretary.

Other members of the board are: Miss Florence Thorne, American Federation of Labor; Miss Florence Thorne, American Federation of Labor; Miss Florence Thorne, American Federation of Labor.

VANCOUVER LABOR HITS RELIEF CAMP WAGE RATES

Vancouver, B. C. Can.—The executive of the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council protested to C. D. W. B. Bury, administrator of the relief camps in British Columbia, against the wage rate which was set at 23 cents per day on public works.

The administrator, in the jurisdiction of the Canadian Government Department of National Defense, has claimed that the Government not only will not assist a day for the public works, but also on hydro-electric projects and military buildings involving skilled labor. The Government contends it is better for a skilled worker to have employment at his trade for rates an hour than to be sent to a rusty doing pick and shovel work.

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Canada Continues Back-to-Land Movement for Jobless Workers

Montreal, Can.—The Quebec Government has announced that it will back-to-the-land movement for the unemployed started last year and is being aided by the Federal Government and the Quebec Government.

The movement is a part of the scheme for the unemployed to be sent to the land and to be employed by those who own and control land and who are not successful in their business as amateur farmers.

The provincial government plans to establish at least 100 small families on the land in rural districts. The families will be recruited from cities in France. Under the scheme the provincial government will advance the cost of the first year of settlement on the land and the balance the second year. About 10 acres will be rented to each of the settlers.

Anderson Textile Strike Probed by U. S. Arbitrator

Anderson, S. C.—The United States Department of Labor has taken a hand in the Anderson Textile strike, which has been going on for some time. A department investigator, R. E. Duntz, has been sent to the mill to investigate the cause of the dispute between the mill owners and the workers.

The mill owners have created a difficult situation by refusing to accept a compromise, which they termed "exorbitant."

Steel Barons Bar Green from Labor Conference on Wages and Hours

Angered at Organized Labor's Success in Striking Company Union Scheme From The Code Corporation Officials Boi Parley When A. F. of L. President Appears.

Washington.—The Labor Advisory Board of the National Recovery Administration protested the use of President William A. Irvin of the U. S. Steel Corporation, President E. G. Grace of Bethlehem Steel and other steel leaders in declining to meet with William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor and one of the Recovery Administrator's labor advisors on the steel issue in a conference on wages and hours called by Secretary of Labor Perkins.

At the hearings the steel men demanded a 40-hour week, while the steel generally said from 30 to 40 hours a week, while Mr. Green and organized labor insisted on 40 or more hours a week. Meeting with Secretary of Labor Perkins and officials of the Recovery Administration, the steel men abruptly refused when Mr. Green appeared.

As a member of the Labor Advisory Board assigned to the steel code problem, Mr. Green was expected to attend the conference, but it was his duty to do so.

The hearings on the fair competition code, organized labor, led by Mr. Green, were held in a rooming house, while the steel barons, who were the majority of the conference, were held in a rooming house, while the steel barons, who were the majority of the conference, were held in a rooming house.

COURT UPHOLDS NRA POWER OF ROOSEVELT

Justice Cox Smiths Oil Magnates' Attempt to Nullify Recovery Act—Constitution Held Subject to Necessity—The President Is Not Subject to Injunctions.

Washington.—In times of emergency the Constitution is subject to the laws of necessity.

This significant declaration was made by the Supreme Court in the case of the oil magnates' attempt to nullify the Recovery Act.

EMPLOYERS' MAGAZINES PASS TO THEIR TOMB

Employers Discontinue 285 Company Union Propaganda Publications.

Princeton, N. J.—There has been a sharp decline in the recent past in the number of company magazines, according to a survey by the National Labor Relations Board.

FORBES HITS ROOSEVELT'S NATIONAL RECOVERY PLAN

Editorial Ballyhoo for Big Business Claims the President's 'Recovery' Plan is a 'Juggernaut'.

New York.—The grant of interest-free loans to big business, clearly outlined in the National Recovery Act, is a 'juggernaut' which will crush the small business, according to an editorial in the New York Times.

72 UNION MEN APPOINTED TO ADJUST NRA DISPUTES

New York.—Grover A. Whalen, chairman of the New York City National Labor Relations Board, has appointed a committee of 72 union men to adjust disputes under the National Recovery Act.

5,000,000 HOGS GIVEN TO DESTITUTE JOBLESS

Washington.—President Roosevelt gave his approval to the Agricultural Marketing Act, which provides for the distribution of 5,000,000 hogs to the destitute and unemployed.

TEACHERS' CONGRESS EXELS GERMAN FASCIST DELEGATES

San Sebastian, Spain.—The International Congress of School Teachers, which is being held in San Sebastian, Spain, has excluded German Fascist delegates.

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AMERICAN CAPITALISTS EXPLOIT CHINESE WORKERS

Absentee Owners Impose Long Hours and Low Wages Upon Tollers to Secure Dividends and Interest on \$1,250,000,000 Allocated Investments.

Havaya, Cuba.—A show-down appears in sight soon for United States investors of business enterprises whose claims to investments totaling more than \$1,250,000,000 in this country have been upheld by the revolution. The revolution has been utterly liquidated in Cuba.

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Green Calls Upon Organized Labor To Report All Violations of Codes

34 State Federations of Labor, 1,000 City Central Bodies, and 30,000 Local Trade Unions Mobilized as Enforcement Vigilantes—Trade Union Officials and Members Must Be Alert to Prevent Fraudulent Use of Blue Eagle and Report to A. F. of L. Headquarters Violations of Hours, Wages and Other Labor Conditions in Both Roosevelt's Blanket Agreement and the Permanent Codes.

Washington.—The officers and members of 34 State Federations of Labor, 1,000 City Central Bodies, and 30,000 Local Trade Unions were called upon to report all violations of the National Recovery Act by William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor.

Both the voluntary agreement and the permanent codes are subject to the same penalties as the work week, minimum wages, employment of children, and other matters vital to the recovery of the country.

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